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SUBJECT: FOODGRAIN IMPORT ESTIMATES: NEGATIVE CONTRIBUTION FROM  
EASTERN EUROPE

REF: (A) STATE 79493 (B) DACCA 1941 (C) MEMCON 11/4/74

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO QUESTION PARA 3 REFTEL A  
CONCERNING FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM USSR OR EASTERN EUROPEAN  
COUNTRIES. THERE ARE NO RPT NO INDICATIONS OF ANY  
SIGNIFICANT FOOD ASSISTANCE FROM THOSE SOCIALIST  
COUNTRIES TO BANGLADESH IN CY 1975. MOREOVER, THE  
FIRST REPAYMENT IN KIND OF 40,000 MT OF WHEAT AGAINST  
THE 1973 SOVIET WHEAT LOAN FALLS DUE IN SEPTEMBER, 1975.

2. USSR. EMBOFF CALLED APRIL 25 ON SOVIET TRADE REP  
(ZVEREV), WHO SAID PAST AND PROSPECTIVE DBVIET FOOD  
SHIPMENTS SINCE JULY 1974 LIMITED TO:

(A) FLOOD RELIEF: 3,000 MT WHEAT; 500 TONS EDIBLE  
OIL (DACCA 3998 OF SEP. 6, 1974);

(B) ROUBLE CREDIT. BDG ALLOCATED ENTIRE SOVIET  
10 MILLION FREELY CONVERTIBLE ROUBLE CREDIT OF  
15 OCTOBER 1974 TO FOOD MINISTRY, WHICH, SOVIET  
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OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND, SPEND FULL AMOUNT ON PURCHASE OF

US WHEAT (DACCA 4704 OF OCT 18, 1974);

(C) FOURTH BARTER. UNDER TERMS FOURTH BARTER AGREEMENT, SIGNED 20 DECEMBER 1974, BDG IS TO IMPORT 5,000 TONS SUNFLOWER OIL. SOVIET TRADE OFFICIALS SAID OIL WOULD BE "COMING SOON".

3. FIRST REPAYMENT INSTALLMENT OF 40,000 MT OF WHEAT AGAINST 1973 200,000 MT SOVIET WHEAT LOAN OF 1973 FALLS DUE IN SEPTEMBER, 1975 (REF MEMCON). SOVIET OFFICIALS FRANKLY DOUBT PAYMENT WILL BE MADE IN KIND AND IMPLY THAT ARRANGEMENT WILL BE RENEGOTIATED. HOWEVER, TRADE REP SPECIFICALLY CONFIRMED THAT FORMAL POSITION REMAINS THAT BDG HAS OBLIGATION EXPORT TO USSR 40,000 MT WHEAT IN SEPTEMBER, 1975 AND THAT, AT PRESENT, MATTER RESTS THERE.

4. EASTERN EUROPE. EMBOFF CALLED ON CZECH AND POLISH ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNTERPARTS, BOTH OF WHOM CONFIRMED THAT, OTHER THAN 1974 FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS, THEIR COUNTRIES HAD PROVIDED NO RPT NO RECENT FOOD ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH NOR CONTEMPLATED ANY SUCH ASSISTANCE IN FUTURE. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE FOOD AID FROM OTHER EE'S, SOVIET TRADE REP SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO INDICATIONS THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE CONTEMPLATED BY EE'S.  
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